

CENTER FOR DRUG EVALUATION AND RESEARCH

Approval Package for:

Application Number : 074734

Trade Name : IOPAMIDOL INJECTION USP 61%,76%

Generic Name: Iopamidol Injection USP, 61% and 76%

Sponsor : Faulding Hospital Products, Inc.

Approval Date: December 10, 1996

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Faulding Hospital Products, Inc.
Subsidiary of F.H. Faulding and Co., LTD.
Attention: George Wagner
200 Elmora Avenue
Elizabeth, New Jersey 07207

Dear Sir:

This is in reference to your abbreviated new drug application dated August 29, 1995, submitted pursuant to Section 505(j) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act, for Iopamidol Injection USP, 61% and 76%.

Reference is also made to your amendments dated July 1, and 23, 1996; September 11, and 30, 1996; October 2, 7, 17, and 31, 1996; and November 15, 21, and 25, 1996.

We have completed the review of this abbreviated application and have concluded that the drug is safe and effective for use as recommended in the submitted labeling. Accordingly, the application is approved. The Division of Bioequivalence has determined your Iopamidol Injection, 61% and 76% to be bioequivalent to the listed drug (Isovue®-300 and Isovue®-370, respectively,) of Bracco Diagnostics, Inc.

Under 21 CFR 314.70, certain changes in the conditions described in this abbreviated application require an approved supplemental application before the change may be made.

Post-marketing reporting requirements for this abbreviated application are set forth in 21 CFR 314.80-81. The Office of Generic Drugs should be advised of any change in the marketing status of this drug.

We request that you submit, in duplicate, any proposed advertising or promotional copy which you intend to use in your initial advertising or promotional campaigns. Please submit all proposed materials in draft or mock-up form, not final print. Submit both copies together with a copy of the proposed or final printed labeling to the Division of Drug Marketing, Advertising, and Communications (HFD-240). Please do not use Form FD-2253 (Transmittal of Advertisements and Promotional Labeling for Drugs for Human Use) for this initial submission.

We call your attention to 21 CFR 314.81(b)(3) which requires that materials for any subsequent advertising or promotional campaign be submitted to our Division of Drug Marketing, Advertising, and Communications (HFD-240) with a completed Form FD-2253 at the time of their initial use.

Sincerely yours,

D. L. Sporn 12/10/96

Douglas L. Sporn

Director

Office of Generic Drugs

Center for Drug Evaluation and Research

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ADDENDUM TO REVIEW # 2

ANDA 74-734

Drug: Iopamidol Injection, USP
Strength: 61% and 76% 50 mL and 100 mL

Applicant: Faulding Inc.

Amendments:

October 2, 1996

October 7, 1996

Review of Above Amendments

The firm was asked by Dr. Rudman to provide limits for the bioburden of the active drug substance and color of the drug product. Firm responded in the amendment dated October 2, 1996 by committing to establish specifications and testing postapproval, which was not acceptable to the Agency. Firm submitted another amendment in this regard on October 7, 1996 and established the following specifications for the requested information:

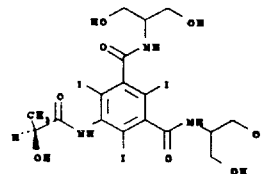
1. Bioburden of the active drug substance
2. Color of solution of drug product (Release and Stability)
Not more intensely colored than reference solution Y4 by the British Pharmacopeial Method.

12/16/96

Comment: O.K.

*DS Gill
10-10-96*

1. CHEMISTRY REVIEW NO.2
2. ANDA 74-734
3. NAME AND ADDRESS OF APPLICANT
Faulding Hospital Products, Inc.
Subsidiary of F.H. Faulding and Co., LTD.
Attention: George Wagner
200 Elmora Avenue
Elizabeth, New Jersey 07207
4. LEGAL BASIS FOR SUBMISSION orange book
5. SUPPLEMENT(s) NA 6. PROPRIETARY NAME NA
7. NONPROPRIETARY NAME 8. SUPPLEMENT(s) PROVIDE(s) FOR:
Iopamidol, USP NA
9. AMENDMENTS AND OTHER DATES:
submitted: August 29, 1995
Amendment: July 1, 23, 1996 Sept 11, 1996
10. PHARMACOLOGICAL CATEGORY 11. Rx
iodine tracing agent
12. RELATED IND/NDA/DMF(s)
13. DOSAGE FORM SVP 14. POTENCY
61% 50 mL and 100 mL ampule, sterile injection
76% 50 mL and 100 mL ampule, sterile injection
15. CHEMICAL NAME AND STRUCTURE
Iopamidol USP
 $C_{17}H_{22}I_3N_3O_8$; M.W. = 777.09
(S)-N,N'-bis[2-Hydroxy-1-(hydroxymethyl)ethyl]-2,4,6-triiodo-5-lactamidoisophthalamide. CAS [60166-93-0].
Store below 30°C and protect from light.
16. RECORDS AND REPORTS none
17. COMMENTS; See italicized text for this review.
18. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS : Approvable
Firm has provided an adequate response to the deficiencies.
19. REVIEWER: DATE COMPLETED:
Devinder S. Gill July 12, 1996



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Endorsements:

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Iopamidol Injection USP, 61%, 50mL
Carton

NDC 61703-301-52

IOPAMIDOL INJECTION, USP

DEC 10 1996

61%

NOT FOR INTRATHECAL USE

50 mL Single dose vial
(30% Organically bound Iodine)

FOR INTRAVASCULAR USE.

APPROVED

Each mL of sterile, nonpyrogenic, aqueous solution provides 612 mg iopamidol with 1 mg tromethamine and 0.39 mg edetate calcium disodium; pH adjusted to 6.5 to 7.5 with hydrochloric acid. Each mL contains approximately 0.043 mg (0.002 mEq) sodium and 300 mg organically bound iodine.

USUAL DOSAGE: See package insert for indications and dosage information.

Inspect container for particulate matter before use.

Store at room temperature not exceeding 30°C (86°F). Protect from light. Discard unused portion.

RETAIN IN CARTON UNTIL TIME OF USE. KEEP COVER CLOSED TO PROTECT VIALS FROM EXPOSURE TO LIGHT.

CAUTION: Federal law prohibits dispensing without prescription.

Mfd. in Australia for: **Faulding Pharmaceutical Co.**
200 Elmora Avenue, Elizabeth, NJ 07207.

10 Vials
(37100)478534

**Iopamidol Injection USP, 61%, 100mL
Carton**

NDC 61703-301-60

Faulding Pharmaceutical Co.
Manufactured in Australia

IOPAMIDOL INJECTION, USP

61%

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NOT FOR INTRATHECAL USE

100 mL Single dose vial
(30% Organically bound iodine)
FOR INTRAVASCULAR USE.

APPROVED

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Mfd. in Australia for: **Faulding Pharmaceutical Co.**
200 Elmora Avenue, Elizabeth, NJ 07207.

10 Vials
(37150)465792

Iopamidol Injection USP, 61%, 100mL
Vial

NDC 61703-301-60
IOPAMIDOL
INJECTION, USP
61%
NOT FOR INTRATHECAL USE
100 mL single dose vial
(30% Organically bound Iodine)
FOR INTRAVASCULAR USE.
RETAIN IN CARTON UNTIL TIME OF USE.
Faulding.
Faulding Pharmaceuticals

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organically bound iodine.

USUAL DOSAGE: See package insert for indications and dosage
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200 Elmora Avenue, Elizabeth, NJ 07207.
(3715A)467942

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Iopamidol Injection USP, 76%, 50mL
Vial

NDC 61703-302-52
IOPAMIDOL
INJECTION, USP

76%

NOT FOR INTRATHECAL USE

50 mL single dose vial
(37% Organically bound Iodine)
FOR INTRAVASCULAR USE.

RETAIN IN CARTON UNTIL TIME OF USE.

Faulding
Faulding Pharmaceuticals

Each mL of sterile, nonpyrogenic, aqueous solution provides 755 mg Iopamidol with 1 mg tromethamine and 0.48 mg edetate calcium disodium; pH adjusted to 6.5 to 7.5 with hydrochloric acid. Each mL contains approximately 0.053 mg (0.002 mEq) sodium and 370 mg organically bound Iodine.

USUAL DOSAGE: See package insert for indications and dosage information.

Inspect container for particulate matter prior to use.
Store at room temperature not exceeding 30°C (86°F).
Protect from light. Discard unused portion.

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Mfd. in Australia for: Faulding Pharmaceutical Co.

200 Elmora Avenue, Elizabeth, NJ 07207.

(3730A)485222

APPROVED
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Iopamidol Injection USP, 76%, 100mL
Vial

NDC 61703-302-60
IOPAMIDOL
INJECTION, USP

76%

NOT FOR INTRATHECAL USE

100 mL single dose vial
(37% Organically bound Iodine)
FOR INTRAVASCULAR USE.

RETAIN IN CARTON UNTIL TIME OF USE.

Faulding

Faulding Pharmaceuticals

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Inspect container for particulate matter before use.

Store at room temperature not exceeding 30°C (86°F).

Protect from light. Discard unused portion.

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Mfd. in Australia for: Faulding Pharmaceutical Co.

200 Elmora Avenue, Elizabeth, NJ 07207.

(3735A)485674

DEC 10 1996

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Iopamidol Injection USP, 76%, 50mL
Carton

Faulding
Faulding Pharmaceuticals

NDC 61703-302-52

IOPAMIDOL INJECTION, USP

76%

DEC 10 1996

NOT FOR INTRATHECAL USE

50 mL Single dose vial
(37% Organically bound iodine)
FOR INTRAVASCULAR USE

APPROVED

Each mL of sterile, nonpyrogenic, aqueous solution provides 755 mg Iopamidol with 1 mg bromethamine and 0.48 mg edetate calcium disodium; pH adjusted to 6.5 to 7.5 with hydrochloric acid. Each mL contains approximately 0.053 mg (0.002 mEq) sodium and 370 mg organically bound iodine.

USUAL DOSAGE: See package insert for indications and dosage information.

Inspect container for particulate matter before use.

Store at room temperature not exceeding 30°C (86°F). Protect from light. Discard unused portion.

RETAIN IN CARTON UNTIL TIME OF USE. KEEP COVER CLOSED TO PROTECT VIALS FROM EXPOSURE TO LIGHT.

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Mfd. in Australia for: **Faulding Pharmaceutical Co.**
200 Elmora Avenue, Elizabeth, NJ 07207.

10 Vials
(37300)497564

Iopamidol Injection USP, 76%, 100mL
Carton

Faulding
Faulding Pharmaceuticals

NDC 61703-302-60

IOPAMIDOL INJECTION, USP

76%

DEC 10 1996

NOT FOR INTRATHECAL USE

100 mL Single dose vial
(37% Organically bound iodine)

FOR INTRAVASCULAR USE.

Each mL of sterile, nonpyrogenic, aqueous solution provides 755 mg Iopamidol with 1 mg tromethamine and 0.48 mg edetate calcium disodium; pH adjusted to 6.5 to 7.5 with hydrochloric acid. Each mL contains approximately 0.053 mg (0.002 mEq) sodium and 370 mg organically bound iodine.

USUAL DOSAGE: See package insert for indications and dosage information.

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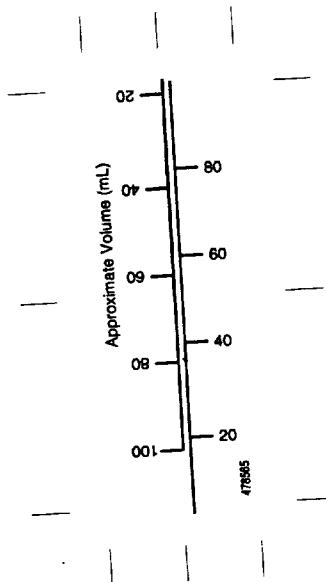
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Mfd. in Australia for: **Faulding Pharmaceutical Co.**
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10 Vials
(3735D)471254



Size: 20 x 56 mm
Colours: Black

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**ANDA 74-734 lopamidol Injection USP, 61% and 76%
Minor Amendment**

**lopamidol Injection USP, 61%, 50mL
Vial**

NDC 61703-301-52

61%

NOT FOR INTRATHECAL USE

50 mL single dose vial

(30% Organically bound iodine)

FOR INTRAVASCULAR USE.

RETAIN IN CARTON UNTIL TIME OF USE.

Fauschling Pharmaceuticals

Each mL of sterile, nonpyrogenic, aqueous solution provides 612 mg lopamidol with 1 mg bromethamine and 0.39 mg edetate calcium disodium; pH adjusted to 6.5 to 7.5 with hydrochloric acid. Each mL contains approximately 0.043 mg (0.002 mEq) sodium iodide and 0.001 mg organically bound iodine.

USUAL DOSAGE: See package insert for indications and dosage information.

Inspect container for particulate matter before use.
Store at room temperature not exceeding 30°C (86°F).

Protect from light. Discard unused portion.

CAUTION: Federal law prohibits dispensing without prescription.

Mfd. in Australia for: **Fauschling Pharmaceutical Co.**

200 Elmora Avenue, Elizabeth, NJ 07207.

(3710A)489765

APPROVED

DEC 10 1996

IOPAMIDOL INJECTION, USP 61% **IOPAMIDOL INJECTION, USP 76%**

NOT FOR INTRATHECAL USE

DIAGNOSTIC NONIONIC RADIOPAQUE CONTRAST MEDIA

For Angiography Throughout the Cardiovascular System, including Cerebral and Peripheral Arteriography, Coronary Arteriography and Ventriculography, Pediatric Angiocardiography, Selective Visceral Arteriography and Aortography, and Adult and Pediatric Intravenous Excretory Urography and Intravenous Adult and Pediatric Contrast Enhancement of Computed Tomographic (CECT) Head and Body Imaging.

DESCRIPTION

Iopamidol is a practically odorless, white to off-white powder. It is very soluble in water, sparingly soluble in methanol and practically insoluble in alcohol and chloroform. IOPAMIDOL INJECTION formulations are stable, aqueous, sterile and nonpyrogenic solutions for intravascular administration.

Each mL of IOPAMIDOL INJECTION, USP 61% provides 612 mg iopamidol with 1 mg tromethamine and 0.39 mg edetate calcium disodium. The solution contains approximately 0.043 mEq (0.002 mEq) sodium and 300 mg organically bound iodine per mL.

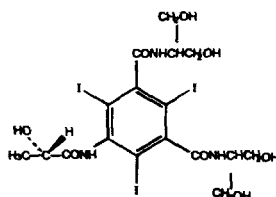
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The pH of IOPAMIDOL INJECTION contrast media has been adjusted to 6.5 to 7.5 with hydrochloric acid. Pertinent physicochemical data are noted below. IOPAMIDOL INJECTION is hypertonic as compared to plasma and cerebrospinal fluid (approximately 285 and 301 mOsm/kg water, respectively).

Parameter	61%	76%
Concentration (mg/mL)	300	370
Osmolality (mOsm/kg water)	616	796
Viscosity (cP)		
@ 37°C	4.7	9.4
@ 20°C	8.8	20.9
Specific Gravity		
@ 37°C	1.328	1.405

Iopamidol is designated chemically as (S)-N,N'-bis[2-hydroxy-1-(hydroxymethyl)-ethyl]-2,4,6-triiodo-5-lactamidoisophthalamide.

Structural formula:



MW 777.09

C₁₇H₂₁N₃O₈

CAS-60166-93-0

Organically Bound Iodine: 49%

CLINICAL PHARMACOLOGY

Intravascular injection of a radiopaque diagnostic agent opacifies those vessels in the path of flow of the contrast medium, permitting radiographic visualization of the internal structures of the human body until significant hemodilution occurs.

Following intravascular injection, radiopaque diagnostic agents are immediately diluted in the circulating plasma. Calculations of apparent volume of distribution at steady-state indicate that iopamidol is distributed between the circulating blood volume and other extracellular fluid; there appears to be no significant deposition of iopamidol in tissues. Uniform distribution of iopamidol in extracellular fluid is reflected by its demonstrated utility in contrast enhancement of computed tomographic imaging of the head and body following intravenous administration.

The pharmacokinetics of intravenously administered iopamidol in normal subjects conform to an open two-compartment model with first order elimination (a rapid alpha phase for drug distribution and a slow beta phase for drug elimination). The elimination serum or plasma half-life is approximately two hours; the half-life is not dose dependent. No significant metabolism, deiodination or biotransformation occurs.

Iopamidol is excreted mainly through the kidneys following intravascular administration. In patients with impaired renal function, the elimination half-life is prolonged dependent upon the degree of impairment. In the absence of renal dysfunction, the cumulative urinary excretion for iopamidol, expressed as a percentage of administered intravenous dose, is approximately 35% to 40% at 60 minutes, 80% to 90% at 8 hours, and 90% or more in the 72 to 96 hour period after administration. In normal subjects, approximately 1% or less of the administered dose appears in cumulative 72 to 96 hour fecal specimens.

IOPAMIDOL INJECTION may be visualized in the renal parenchyma within 30 to 60 seconds following rapid intravenous administration. Opacification of the calyces and pelves in patients with normal renal function becomes apparent within 1 to 3 minutes with optimum contrast occurring between 5 to 15 minutes. In patients with renal impairment, contrast visualization may be delayed.

Iopamidol displays little tendency to bind to serum or plasma proteins.

No evidence of *in vivo* complement activation has been found in normal subjects.

Animal studies indicate that iopamidol does not cross the blood brain barrier to any significant extent following intravascular administration.

IOPAMIDOL INJECTION enhances computed tomographic brain imaging through augmentation of radiographic efficiency. The degree of enhancement of visualization of tissue density is directly related to the iodine content in an administered dose; peak iodine blood levels occur immediately following rapid injection of the dose. These levels fall rapidly within 5 to 10 minutes. This can be accounted for by the dilution in the vascular and extracellular fluid compartments which causes an initial sharp fall in plasma concentration. Equilibration with the extracellular compartments is reached in about 10 minutes; thereafter, the fall becomes exponential. Maximum contrast enhancement frequently occurs after peak blood iodine levels are reached. The delay in maximum contrast enhancement can range from 5 to 40 minutes depending on the peak iodine levels achieved and the cell type of the lesion. This lag suggests that radiographic contrast enhancement is at least in part dependent on the accumulation of iodine within the lesion and outside the blood pool, although the mechanism by which this occurs is not clear. The radiographic enhancement of nontumoral lesions, such as arteriovenous malformations and aneurysms, is probably dependent on the iodine content of the circulating blood pool.

In CECT head imaging, IOPAMIDOL INJECTION does not accumulate in normal brain tissue due to the presence of the blood brain barrier. The increase in x-ray absorption in normal brain is due to the presence of contrast agent within the blood pool. A break in the blood-brain barrier such as occurs in malignant tumors of the brain allows the accumulation of the contrast medium within the interstitial tissue of the tumor. Adjacent normal brain tissue does not contain the contrast medium.

In nonneural tissues (during computed tomography of the body), iopamidol diffuses rapidly from the vascular into the extravascular space. Increase in x-ray absorption is related to blood flow, concentration of the contrast medium, and extraction of the contrast medium by interstitial tissue of tumors since no barrier exists. Contrast enhancement is thus due to the relative differences in extravascular diffusion between normal and abnormal tissue, quite different from that in the brain.

The pharmacokinetics of iopamidol in both normal and abnormal tissue have been shown to be variable. Contrast enhancement appears to be greatest soon after administration of the contrast medium, and following intraarterial rather than intravenous administration. Thus, greatest enhancement can be detected by a series of consecutive 2 to 3 second scans performed just after injection (within 30 to 90 seconds), i.e. dynamic computed tomographic imaging.

INDICATIONS AND USAGE

IOPAMIDOL INJECTION is indicated for angiography throughout the cardiovascular system, including cerebral and peripheral arteriography, coronary arteriography and ventriculography, pediatric angiocardiography, selective visceral arteriography and aortography, and adult and pediatric intravenous excretory urography and intravenous adult and pediatric contrast enhancement of computed tomographic (CECT) head and body imaging (see below).

CECT Head Imaging

IOPAMIDOL INJECTION may be used to refine diagnostic precision in areas of the brain which may not otherwise have been satisfactorily visualized.

Tumors

IOPAMIDOL INJECTION may be useful to investigate the presence and extent of certain malignancies such as: gliomas including malignant gliomas, glioblastomas, astrocytomas, oligodendrogliomas and gangliomas, ependymomas, medulloblastomas, meningiomas, neuromas, pinealomas, pituitary adenomas, craniopharyngiomas, germinomas, and metastatic lesions. The usefulness of contrast enhancement for the investigation of the retrobulbar space and in cases of low grade or infiltrative glioma has not been demonstrated.

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In calcified lesions, there is less likelihood of enhancement. Following therapy, tumors may show decreased or no enhancement.

The opacification of the inferior vermis following contrast media administration has resulted in false-positive diagnosis in a number of otherwise normal studies.

Nonneoplastic Conditions

IOPAMIDOL INJECTION may be beneficial in the image enhancement of nonneoplastic lesions. Cerebral infarctions of recent onset may be better visualized with contrast enhancement, while some infarctions are obscured if contrast media are used. The use of iodinated contrast media results in contrast enhancement in about 60% of cerebral infarctions studied from 1 to 4 weeks from the onset of symptoms.

Sites of active infection may also be enhanced following contrast media administration.

Arteriovenous malformations and aneurysms will show contrast enhancement. For these vascular lesions, the enhancement is probably dependent on the iodine content of the circulating blood pool.

Hematomas and intraparenchymal bleeders seldom demonstrate any contrast enhancement. However, in cases of intraparenchymal clot, for which there is no obvious clinical explanation, contrast media administration may be helpful in ruling out the possibility of associated arteriovenous malformation.

CECT Body Imaging

IOPAMIDOL INJECTION may be used for enhancement of computed tomographic images for detection and evaluation of lesions in the liver, pancreas, kidneys, aorta, mediastinum, abdominal cavity, pelvis and retroperitoneal space.

Enhancement of computed tomography with IOPAMIDOL INJECTION may be of benefit in establishing diagnoses of certain lesions in these sites with greater assurance than is possible with CT alone, and in supplying additional features of the lesions (e.g., hepatic abscess delineation prior to percutaneous drainage). In other cases, the contrast agent may allow visualization of lesions not seen with CT alone (e.g., tumor extension), or may help to define suspicious lesions seen with unenhanced CT (e.g., pancreatic cyst).

Contrast enhancement appears to be greatest within 60 to 90 seconds after bolus administration of contrast agent. Therefore, utilization of a continuous scanning technique ("dynamic CT scanning") may improve enhancement and diagnostic assessment of tumor and other lesions such as an abscess, occasionally revealing unsuspected or more extensive disease. For example, a cyst may be distinguished from a vascularized solid lesion when precontrast and enhanced scans are compared; the nonperfused mass shows unchanged x-ray absorption (CT number). A vascularized lesion is characterized by an increase in CT number in the few minutes after a bolus of intravascular contrast agent; it may be malignant, benign, or normal tissue, but would probably not be a cyst, hematoma or other nonvascular lesion.

Because unenhanced scanning may provide adequate diagnostic information in the individual patient, the decision to employ contrast enhancement, which may be associated with risk and increased radiation exposure, should be based upon a careful evaluation of clinical, other radiological and unenhanced CT findings.

CONTRAINDICATIONS

None.

WARNINGS

Severe Adverse Events - Inadvertent Intrathecal Administration

Serious adverse reactions have been reported due to the inadvertent intrathecal administration of iodinated contrast media that are not indicated for intrathecal use. These serious adverse reactions include: death, convulsions, cerebral hemorrhage, coma, paralysis, arachnoiditis, acute renal failure, cardiac arrest, seizures, rhabdomyolysis, hyperthermia, and brain edema. Special attention must be given to ensure that this drug product is not inadvertently administered intrathecally.

Nonionic iodinated contrast media inhibit blood coagulation, *in vitro*, less than ionic contrast media. Clotting has been reported when blood remains in contact with syringes containing nonionic contrast media.

Serious, rarely fatal, thromboembolic events causing myocardial infarction and stroke have been reported during angiographic procedures with both ionic and nonionic contrast media. Therefore, meticulous intravascular administration technique is necessary, particularly during angiographic procedures, to minimize thromboembolic events. Numerous factors, including length of procedure, catheter and syringe material, underlying disease state, and concomitant medications may contribute to the development of thromboembolic events. For these reasons, meticulous angiographic techniques are recommended including close attention to guidewire and catheter manipulation, use of manifold systems and/or three way stopcocks, frequent catheter flushing with heparinized saline solutions, and minimizing the length of the procedure. The use of plastic syringes in place of glass syringes has been reported to decrease but not eliminate the likelihood of *in vitro* clotting.

Caution must be exercised in patients with severely impaired renal function, those with combined renal and hepatic disease, or anuria, particularly when larger doses are administered.

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General anesthesia may be indicated in the performance of some procedures in selected patients; however, a higher incidence of adverse reactions has been reported with radiopaque media in anesthetized patients, which may be attributable to the inability of the patient to identify untoward symptoms, or to the hypotensive effect of anesthesia which can reduce cardiac output and increase the duration of exposure to the contrast agent.

Even though the osmolality of iopamidol is low compared to diatrizoate or iothalamate based ionic agents of comparable iodine concentration, the potential transitory increase in the circulatory osmotic load in patients with congestive heart failure requires caution during injection. These patients should be observed for several hours following the procedure to detect delayed hemodynamic disturbances.

In angiographic procedures, the possibility of dislodging plaques or damaging or perforating the vessel wall should be borne in mind during catheter manipulations and contrast medium injection. Test injections to ensure proper catheter placement are suggested.

Selective coronary arteriography should be performed only in selected patients and those in whom the expected benefits outweigh the procedural risk. The inherent risks of angiography in patients with chronic pulmonary emphysema must be weighed against the necessity for performing this procedure. Angiography should be avoided whenever possible in patients with homocystinuria, because of the risk of inducing thrombosis and embolism. See also Pediatric Use.

In addition to the general precautions previously described, special care is required when venography is performed in patients with suspected thrombosis, phlebitis, severe ischemic disease, local infection or a totally obstructed venous system.

Extreme caution during injection of contrast media is necessary to avoid extravasation and fluoroscopy is recommended. This is especially important in patients with severe arterial or venous disease.

Information for Patients

Patients receiving injectable radiopaque diagnostic agents should be instructed to:

1. Inform your physician if you are pregnant.
2. Inform your physician if you are diabetic or if you have multiple myeloma, pheochromocytoma, homozygous sickle cell disease, or known thyroid disorder (see WARNINGS).
3. Inform your physician if you are allergic to any drugs, food, or if you had any reactions to previous injections of substances used for x-ray procedures (see PRECAUTIONS - General).
4. Inform your physician about any other medications you are currently taking, including nonprescription drugs, before you have this procedure.

Drug Interactions

Renal toxicity has been reported in a few patients with liver dysfunction who were given oral cholecystographic agents followed

by intravascular contrast agents. Administration of intravascular agents should therefore be postponed in any patient with a known or suspected hepatic or biliary disorder who has recently received a cholecystographic contrast agent.

Other drugs should not be admixed with iopamidol.

Drug/Laboratory Test Interactions

The results of PBI and radioactive iodine uptake studies, which depend on iodine estimations, will not accurately reflect thyroid function for up to 16 days following administration of iodinated contrast media. However, thyroid function tests not depending on iodine estimations, e.g., T3 resin uptake and total or free thyroxine (T4) assays are not affected.

Any test which might be affected by contrast media should be performed prior to administration of the contrast medium.

Laboratory Test Findings

In vitro studies with animal blood showed that many radiopaque contrast agents, including iopamidol, produced a slight depression of plasma coagulation factors including prothrombin time, partial thromboplastin time, and fibrinogen, as well as a slight tendency to cause platelet and/or red blood cell aggregation (see PRECAUTIONS - General).

Transitory changes may occur in red cell and leucocyte counts, serum calcium, serum creatinine, serum glutamic oxalacetic transaminase (SGOT), and uric acid in urine; transient albuminuria may occur.

These findings have not been associated with clinical manifestations.

Carcinogenesis, Mutagenesis, Impairment of Fertility

Long-term studies in animals have not been performed to evaluate carcinogenic potential. No evidence of genetic toxicity was obtained in *in vitro* tests.

Pregnancy: Teratogenic Effects

Pregnancy Category B Reproduction studies have been performed in rats and rabbits at doses up to 2.7 and 1.4 times the maximum recommended human dose (1.48 g/kg in a 50 kg individual), respectively, and have revealed no evidence of impaired fertility or harm to the fetus due to iopamidol. There are, however, no adequate and well-controlled studies in pregnant women. Because animal reproduction studies are not always predictive of human response, this drug should be used during pregnancy only if clearly needed.

Nursing Mothers

It is not known whether this drug is excreted in human milk. Because many drugs are excreted in human milk, caution should be exercised when iopamidol is administered to a nursing woman.

Pediatric Use

Safety and effectiveness in pediatric patients has been established in pediatric angiocardiology, computed tomography (head and body) and excretory urography. Pediatric patients at higher risk of experiencing adverse events during contrast medium administration may include those having asthma, a sensitivity to medication and/or allergens, cyanotic heart disease, congestive heart failure, a serum creatinine greater than 1.5 mg/dL or those less than 12 months of age.

ADVERSE REACTIONS

Adverse reactions following the use of iopamidol are usually mild to moderate, self-limited, and transient.

In angiocardiology (597 patients), the adverse reactions with an estimated incidence of 1% or higher are: hot flashes 3.4%; angina pectoris 3.0%; flushing 1.8%; bradycardia 1.3%; hypotension 1.0%; hives 1.0%.

In a clinical trial with 76 pediatric patients undergoing angiocardiology, 2 adverse reactions (2.6%) both remotely attributed to the contrast media were reported. Both patients were less than 2 years of age, both had cyanotic heart disease with underlying right ventricular abnormalities and abnormal pulmonary circulation. In one patient preexisting cyanosis was transiently intensified following contrast media administration. In the second patient preexisting decreased peripheral perfusion was intensified for 24 hours following the examination. (See PRECAUTIONS for information on high risk nature of these patients).

Intravascular injection of contrast media is frequently associated with the sensation of warmth and pain, especially in peripheral arteriography and venography; pain and warmth are less frequent and less severe with IOPAMIDOL INJECTION than with diatrizoate meglumine and diatrizoate sodium injection.

The following table of incidence of reactions is based on clinical studies with IOPAMIDOL INJECTION in about 2246 patients.

System	Adverse Reactions	
	Estimated Overall Incidence	
	>1%	≤1%
Cardiovascular	none	tachycardia hypotension hypertension myocardial ischemia circulatory collapse S-T segment depression bigeminy extrasystoles ventricular fibrillation angina pectoris bradycardia transient ischemic attack thrombophlebitis
Nervous	pain (2.8%) burning sensation (1.4%)	vasovagal reaction tingling in arms grimace faintness
Digestive	nausea (1.2%)	vomiting anorexia
Respiratory	none	throat constriction dyspnea pulmonary edema
Skin and Appendages	none	rash urticaria pruritus flushing
Body as a Whole	hot flashes (1.5%)	headache fever chills excessive sweating back spasm
Special Senses	warmth (1.1%)	taste alterations nasal congestion visual disturbances
Urogenital	none	urinary retention

Regardless of the contrast agent employed, the overall estimated incidence of serious adverse reactions is higher with *coronary arteriography* than with other procedures. Cardiac decompensation, serious arrhythmias, or myocardial ischemia or infarction have been reported with iopamidol injection and may occur during *coronary arteriography* and *left ventriculography*. Following coronary and ventricular injections, certain electrocardiographic changes (increased QTC, increased R-R, T-wave amplitude) and certain hemodynamic changes (decreased systolic pressure) occurred less frequently with IOPAMIDOL INJECTION than with diatrizoate meglumine and diatrizoate sodium injection; increased LVEDP occurred less frequently after ventricular iopamidol injections.

In *aortography*, the risks of procedures also include injury to the aorta and neighboring organs, pleural puncture, renal damage including infarction and acute tubular necrosis with oliguria and anuria, accidental selective filling of the right renal artery during the translumbar procedure in the presence of preexisting renal disease, retroperitoneal hemorrhage from the translumbar approach, and spinal cord injury and pathology associated with the syndrome of transverse myelitis.

The following adverse reactions have been reported for iopamidol:

Cardiovascular: arrhythmia, arterial spasms, flushing, vasodilation, chest pain, cardio-pulmonary arrest; **Nervous:** confusion, paresthesia, dizziness, convulsions, paralysis, coma; **Respiratory:** increased cough, sneezing, asthma, apnea, laryngeal edema, chest tightness, rhinitis; **Skin and Appendages:** injection site pain usually due to extravasation and/or erythematous swelling, pallor, periorbital edema, facial edema; **Urogenital:** pain, hematuria; **Special Senses:** watery/itchy eyes, lacrimation, conjunctivitis; **Musculoskeletal:** muscle spasm, involuntary leg movement; **Body as a Whole:** tremors, malaise, anaphylactoid reaction (characterized by cardiovascular, respiratory, and cutaneous symptoms), pain; **Digestive:** severe retching and choking, abdominal cramps; some of these may occur as a result of the procedure. Other reactions may also occur with the use of any contrast agent as a consequence of the procedural hazard; these include hemorrhage or pseudoaneurysms at the puncture site, brachial plexus palsy following axillary artery injections, chest pain, myocardial infarction, and transient changes in hepatorenal chemistry tests. Arterial thrombosis, displacement of arterial plaques, venous thrombosis, dissection of the coronary vessels and transient sinus arrest are rare complications.

General Adverse Reactions To Contrast Media

Reactions known to occur with parenteral administration of iodinated ionic contrast agents (see the listing below) are possible with any nonionic agent. Approximately 95% of adverse reactions accompanying the use of other water-soluble intravascularly administered contrast agents are mild to moderate in degree. However, life-threatening reactions and fatalities, mostly of cardiovascular origin, have occurred. Reported incidences of death from the administration of other iodinated contrast media range from 5.6 per 1 million (0.0006%) to 1 in 10,000 patients (0.01%). Most deaths occur during injection or 5 to 10 minutes later, the main feature being cardiac arrest with cardiovascular disease as the main aggravating factor. Isolated reports of bronchospasm and shock are found in the literature. The incidence of shock is estimated to be 1 out of 20,000 (0.005%).

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Adverse reactions to injectable contrast media fall into two categories: chemotoxic reactions and idiosyncratic reactions. Chemotoxic reactions result from the physicochemical properties of the contrast medium, the dose, and the speed of injection. All hemodynamic disturbances and injuries to organs or vessels perfused by the contrast medium are included in this category. Experience with iopamidol suggests there is much less discomfort (e.g., pain and/or warmth) with peripheral arteriography. Fewer changes are noted in ventricular function after ventriculography and coronary arteriography.

Idiosyncratic reactions include all other reactions. They occur more frequently in patients 20 to 40 years old. Idiosyncratic reactions may or may not be dependent on the amount of drug injected, the speed of injection, the mode of injection, and the radiographic procedure. Idiosyncratic reactions are subdivided into minor, intermediate, and severe. The minor reactions are self-limited and of short duration; the severe reactions are life-threatening and treatment is urgent and mandatory.

The reported incidence of adverse reactions to contrast media in patients with a history of allergy is twice that for the general population. Patients with a history of previous reactions to a contrast medium are three times more susceptible than other patients. However, sensitivity to contrast media does not appear to increase with repeated examinations. Most adverse reactions to intravascular contrast agents appear within 1 to 3 minutes after the start of injection, but delayed reactions may occur (see PRECAUTIONS - General).

In addition to the adverse drug reactions reported for iopamidol, the following additional adverse reactions have been reported with the use of other intravascular contrast agents and are possible with the use of any water-soluble iodinated contrast agent:

Cardiovascular: cerebral hematomas, petechiae

Skin and Appendages: skin necrosis

Urogenital: osmotic nephrosis of proximal tubular cells, renal failure

Hematologic: neutropenia

Special Senses: conjunctival chemosis with infection.

OVERDOSAGE

Treatment of an overdose of an injectable radiopaque contrast medium is directed toward the support of all vital functions, and prompt institution of symptomatic therapy.

DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION

General

It is desirable that solutions of radiopaque diagnostic agents for intravascular use be at body temperature when injected. In the event that crystallization of the medium has occurred, place the vial in hot (60°-100°C) water for about five minutes, then shake gently to obtain a clear solution. Cool to body temperature before use. Discard vial without use if solids persist.

Withdrawal of contrast agents from their containers should be accomplished under aseptic conditions with sterile syringes. Sterile techniques must be used with any intravascular injection, and with catheters and guidewires.

Parenteral drug products should be inspected visually for particulate matter and discoloration prior to administration, whenever solution and container permit. Iopamidol solutions should be used only if clear and within the normal colorless to pale yellow range.

Patients should be well hydrated prior to and following IOPAMIDOL INJECTION administration.

As with all radiopaque contrast agents, only the lowest dose of IOPAMIDOL INJECTION necessary to obtain adequate visualization should be used. A lower dose reduces the possibility of an adverse reaction. Most procedures do not require use of either a maximum dose or the highest available concentration of IOPAMIDOL INJECTION; the combination of dose and IOPAMIDOL INJECTION concentration to be used should be carefully individualized, and factors such as age, body size, size of the vessel and its blood flow rate, anticipated pathology and degree and extent of opacification required, structure(s) or area to be examined, disease processes affecting the patient, and equipment and technique to be employed should be considered.

Cerebral Arteriography

IOPAMIDOL INJECTION, 61% (iopamidol, 300 mg/mL) should be used. The usual individual injection by carotid puncture or transfemoral catheterization is 8 to 12 mL, with total multiple doses ranging to 90 mL.

Peripheral Arteriography

IOPAMIDOL INJECTION, 61% usually provides adequate visualization. For injection into the femoral artery or subclavian artery, 5 to 40 mL may be used; for injection into the aorta for a distal runoff, 25 to 50 mL may be used. Doses up to a total of 250 mL of IOPAMIDOL INJECTION, 61% have been administered during peripheral arteriography.

Selective Visceral Arteriography and Aortography

IOPAMIDOL INJECTION, 76% (iopamidol, 370 mg/mL) should be used. Doses up to 50 mL may be required for injection into the larger vessels such as the aorta or celiac artery; doses up to 10 mL may be required for injection into the renal arteries. Often, lower doses will be sufficient. The combined total dose for multiple injections has not exceeded 225 mL.

Pediatric Angiocardiography

IOPAMIDOL INJECTION, 76% should be used. Pediatric angiocardiography may be performed by injection into a large peripheral vein or by direct catheterization of the heart.

The usual dose range for single injections is provided in the following table:

Single Injection Usual Dose Range	
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Cumulative Injections Usual Dose Range	
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Coronary Arteriography and Ventriculography

IOPAMIDOL INJECTION, 76% should be used. The usual dose for selective coronary artery injections is 2 to 10 mL. The usual dose for ventriculography, or for nonselective opacification of multiple coronary arteries following injection at the aortic root, is 25 to 50 mL. The total dose for combined procedures has not exceeded 200 mL. EKG monitoring is essential.

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